

# Emerald Primary School

## FIRST AID POLICY

### PURPOSE

To ensure the school community understands our school's approach to first aid for students.

### SCOPE

First aid for anaphylaxis and asthma are provided for in our schools:

- *Anaphylaxis Policy*
- *Asthma Policy*

### POLICY

This policy should be read with Emerald Primary School's First Aid, Administration of Medication, Anaphylaxis.

From time to time Emerald Primary School staff might need to administer first aid to students at school or school activities.

Parents/carers should be aware that the goal of first aid is not to diagnose or treat a condition.

### Staffing

The Principal will ensure that Emerald Primary School has sufficient staff with the appropriate levels of first aid training to meet the first aid needs of the school community.

Emerald Primary School's trained first aid officers are:

- Fiona Hogben, Polly Smith, Kerry Stebbing, Emma Clark, & whole school

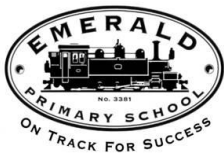
Our school's trained first aid officers are listed in our Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Our EMP includes the expiry dates of the training.

This list is reviewed on an annual basis as part of the annual review of our Emergency Management Plan.

### First aid kits

Emerald Primary School will maintain:

- A major first aid kit which will be stored in the sick bay.
- 9 portable first aid kits which may be used for excursions, camps, or yard duty. The portable first aid kits will be stored:
  - Sick bay



Fiona Hogben will be responsible for maintaining all first aid kits.

### **Care for ill students**

Students who are unwell should not attend school.

If a student becomes unwell during the school day they may be directed to the sick bay and monitored by staff. Depending on the nature of their symptoms, staff may contact parents/carers or an emergency contact person to ask them to collect the student.

### **First aid management**

If there is a situation or incident which occurs at school or a school activity which requires first aid to be administered to a student:

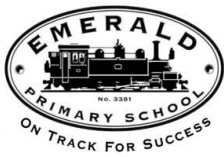
- Staff who have been trained in first aid will administer first aid in accordance with their training. In an emergency situation, other staff may assist in the administration of first aid within their level of competence.
- In a medical emergency, staff may take emergency action and do not need to obtain parent/carer consent to do so. Staff may contact Triple Zero “000” for emergency medical services at any time.
- Staff may also contact NURSE-ON-CALL (on 1300 60 60 24) in an emergency. NURSE-ON-CALL provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If first aid is administered for a minor injury or condition, Emerald Primary School will notify parents/carers by phone call.
- If first aid is administered for a serious injury or condition, or in an emergency situation, school staff will attempt to contact parents/carers or emergency contacts as soon as reasonably practical.
- If staff providing first aid determine that an emergency response is not required but that medical advice is needed, school staff will ask parents/carers, or an emergency contact person, to collect the student and recommend that advice is sought from a medical practitioner.
- Whenever first aid treatment has been administered to a student Emerald Primary School will:
  - record the incident on CASES21
  - if first aid was administered in a medical emergency, report the incident to the Department’s Security Services Unit on 03 9859 6266 or on eduSafe.

In accordance with guidance from the Department of Education and Training, analgesics, including paracetamol and aspirin, will not be stored at school or provided as a standard first aid treatments. This is because they can mask signs of serious illness or injury.

## **COMMUNICATION**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school’s website



- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- [Anaphylaxis](#)
- [Asthma](#)
- [Blood Spills and Open Wounds Management](#)
- [OHS Management System \(OHSMS\) Employee Health, Safety and Wellbeing](#)
- [Health Care Needs](#)
- [Infectious Diseases](#)
- [Medication](#)
- [Syringe Disposals and Injuries](#)

The following school policies are also relevant to this First Aid Policy:

- Administration of Medication Policy [EPS Administration of Medication Policy 2023.docx](#)
- Anaphylaxis Policy [Anaphylaxis - EPS Policy 2023.docx](#)
- Asthma Policy
- Duty of Care Policy [Emerald Primary School Duty of Care Policy 2023.docx](#)
- Health Care Needs Policy [EPS Health Care Needs Policy 2023.docx](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	February 2023
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	Before February 2027